

Cops to be out in force Halloween night

The El Dorado County Avoid the 6 DUI Task Force is deploying DUI saturation patrols with extra officers in the cities of Placerville, South Lake Tahoe the the unincorporated areas of the county Halloween night to supplement routine patrol officers on one of the most deadly nights of the years.

Officers will be looking for the tale-tell sign of alcohol and or drug impairment.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 43 percent of all people killed in motor vehicle crashes on Halloween night (6pm Oct. 31 to 5:59am Nov. 1) from 2009-13 were in crashes involving a drunken driver. On Halloween Night 119 people lost their lives over that same period nationwide.

Children out trick-or-treating and adults accompanying them are also at risk, as 19 percent of fatal pedestrian crashes on Halloween night (2009-13) involved drunken drivers.